

**THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA  
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY  
THE REVEREND MICHAEL J. POULOS, CHAIR  
JULY 28, 2009**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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| <b>OM</b> | <b>I. THAT</b> John R. Richardson be removed from the preparation for ministry process, per his request. |
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- Darren Wayne Utley was enrolled as an inquirer on June 24, 2009. Darren is a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church and is enrolled at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.
- As they have been given the authority, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, on behalf of Presbytery, has elected the following persons as readers for ordination examination in Raleigh, NC on October 5-7, 2009. They will grade papers from early morning until late at night. Content guidelines are provided.
  - James Aydelotte (Retired minister from Black Mountain)
  - J. D. Waldrop (Elder from Unity Presbyterian Church)

Of our Inquirers/Candidates:

- As of July, there are a total of 5 inquirers and 8 candidates.
- Of the 8 candidates, 2 are authorized to circulate their Personal Information Form.
- 2 are from small (under 100) churches: Green Mountain, and Shiloh.
- The other 11 are from larger churches: Asheville First (3), Black Mountain (2), Hendersonville First, Lenoir First, Lowell, Morganton First, Southminster and Unity.
- The following seminaries have recently graduated students or have students currently attending: Columbia, Gordon-Conwell, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry is proud of persons who have received a call and/or been ordained:

- Franklin Jones, a member of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and a candidate from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, has accepted a call as Pastor with the Brittain and Union Mills Presbyterian Churches. Franklin was ordained and installed at Brittain Presbyterian Church on July 12, 2009.
- Daria Ragan, a member of the Belmont First Presbyterian Church and a candidate from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, has accepted a call as Associate Pastor with the Belmont First Presbyterian Church. Daria will be ordained and installed at Belmont First Presbyterian Church on August 9, 2009.
- Allen Smith, a member of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and a candidate from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, has accepted a call as Pastor with the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church in Asheville. Allen was ordained and installed at Kenilworth on February 15, 2009.